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APRIL 2021 ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS & IHRA WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM ADOPTION REPORT



COMBAT
ANTI-SEMITISM

*For the Jewish People,
their homeland, and humanity*

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ABOUT THE COMBAT ANTISEMITISM MOVEMENT

We envision a world without antisemitism and where Jews and all people live in safety and with dignity. In this world, people and leaders of all faiths and ideologies respect their differences and beliefs and work together to improve the human condition.

We Are a Global Coalition

We are a non-partisan grassroots movement of more than **320,000 individuals and 320 partner organizations**, across all religions united to combat antisemitism. Our unique platform creates partnerships throughout the world, develops creative solutions, and leverages the collective power of our broad-based coalition to unite individuals of all backgrounds in this fight.

Focused and Fervent

Our efforts are focused on any and all individuals, organizations, and governments that openly express or support antisemitic views or commit antisemitic acts. We will never be complacent or silent when confronted with anti-Jewish hatred. Our unique coalition mobilizes the grassroots and leaders to take concrete actions to help defeat antisemitism.

Fighting this Hatred

CAM fights antisemitism wherever it occurs and across the ideological spectrum, including efforts to deny the Jewish people their right to self-determination in Israel, their ancestral homeland. Jews should not have to live in fear for their safety anywhere in the world.



MONTHLY REPORT OF ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS

Every week, CAM's Global Antisemitism Report tracks media coverage of antisemitic incidents across the globe. The reports use a tri-focal approach to classify incidents based upon the perpetrators' ideologies, comprised of the far-right, the extreme-left, from within Radical Islam, or unidentifiable (if the motives of the incident cannot be readily determined).

In April 2021, CAM tracked a total of 149 incidents that were reported in the media. Of these, 47% (70 incidents) came from the far-right, 23% (35 incidents) from the extreme-left, 13% (19 incidents) from Radical Islam, and 17% (25 incidents) were unidentifiable. The weekly reports can be viewed [here](#).

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23% Extreme-Left

13% Radical Islam

17% Unidentifiable



IHRA WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM ADOPTION MONTHLY REPORT

Introduction

The most effective tool today to combat all forms of contemporary antisemitism is the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism. To fight antisemitism, we must first be able to define it in all of its forms. The Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM) publishes a **monthly IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism Adoption Report**, tracking IHRA working definition of antisemitism adoptions and developments around the world each month.

CAM's coalition is a tireless advocate for the IHRA working definition of antisemitism, engaging with governments, institutions, and civil society to ensure that it gains widespread adoption.

In April 2021, CAM tracked 14 entities in four countries that adopted the IHRA definition of antisemitism and in doing so, committed to making the world a safer place for Jewish communities. The April report comes after a record-breaking pace of adoptions in the first quarter of the year, with more than 140 adoptions.

April IHRA Highlights

- Adoptions in 4 Countries
- 9 Education Institutions
- 3 Local Governments
- 2 Organizations
- IHRA Definition Bills in Texas & Arizona
- Debate Over Alternative Definitions



EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION ADOPTIONS

Five institutions of higher education in the United Kingdom adopted the IHRA definition of antisemitism in April 2021, continuing a trend of adoptions at the administrative level at British universities. Nearly 100 British colleges and universities have now adopted the definition at the administrative level, incorporating the definition into student handbooks and anti-discrimination policies.

In North America, IHRA definition of antisemitism debates are primarily taking place at the student government level. More university student bodies in North America have begun debating resolutions about the IHRA definition of antisemitism. In April 2021, four American university student governments adopted the definition and three American university student governments voted down resolutions in support of the definition.



ADOPTIONS

United Kingdom

- University of Bath
- Liverpool Hope University
- Open University
- Brunel University London
- Canterbury Christ Church University

United States

- University of Notre Dame (SG)
- University of Iowa (SG)
- California Polytechnic State University (SG)
- Pennsylvania State University (SG)

NON-ADOPTIONS

United States

- University of Pennsylvania (SG)
- City University of New York (SG)
- Michigan State University (SG)



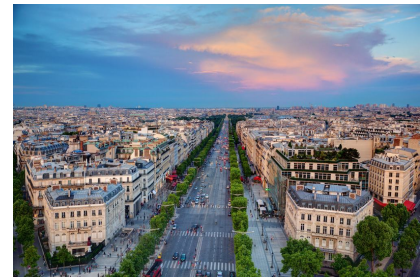
*(SG) denotes a student government-led adoption. All other adoptions were administrative.

GOVERNMENT ADOPTIONS

As incidents of Jew-hatred principally take place in local communities, municipal and regional authorities are turning to the IHRA definition of antisemitism to ensure the safety and inclusiveness of their Jewish communities.

In April 2021, two French municipalities adopted the definition, following the lead of Paris and Nice, who adopted the definition earlier in 2021.

The town of Sharon became the first municipality in the U.S. state of Massachusetts to adopt the definition, after one of its residents faced antisemitism at nearby Tufts University.



France

- City of Mulhouse
- City of Neuilly

United States

- Town of Sharon, Massachusetts

ORGANIZATION ADOPTIONS



Organizations, including NGOs, religious institutions, interfaith groups, private enterprises and sports teams are embracing the definition to prevent Jew-hatred across different layers of civil society.

In April, European Liberal Youth - the pan-European and official youth wing of the European liberal Party, and UK-based Voice of Salam, adopted the definition.

Organizations

- European Liberal Youth (LYMEC)
- Voice of Salam (CAM Partner)

LATEST IHRA DEFINITION NEWS & DEVELOPMENTS

In April 2021, animated debates increased around new alternatives to the IHRA working definition of antisemitism, with hundreds of academics coming out in support of the IHRA's definition. Bills that would adopt the IHRA working definition of antisemitism began working their way through the legislatures in the U.S. states of Texas and Arizona. In light of the debate over alternate definitions, the head of the Swiss Jewish community urgently called upon his country to adopt the IHRA's definition.



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